Authors of Antiquity: A Chronological Reference

How these authors shaped what we know of the ancient past

by Hamburgler — Statum Mutatio Societas, 2026

Author	Full Name	Dates	Written Language	Spoken Languages	Under Whose Rule	Key Works	Notes	Suspected Occultist
Sanchoniatho	Sakunyatan Phoenician: Sknyt■	~1200-1000 BC?	Phoenician	Phoenician	Phoenician city-states; pre-Trojan War era; possibly under Hiram I of Tyre	Phoenician History	Known only through Philo of Byblos fragments preserved by Eusebius; based work on secret temple inscriptions	
Manetho	Manethon of Sebennytos Egyptian name lost Gk: Μαν■θων	fl. 290-260 BC	Greek	Egyptian (native); Greek; read hieroglyphics	Ptolemy I Soter & Ptolemy II Philadelphus (Ptolemaic Kingdom)	Aegyptiaca; The Sacred Book; Against Herodotus; On Festivals; On Ancient Ritual; Book of Sothis	Priest at Heliopolis; original texts lost; preserved via Josephus, Eusebius, Africanus; name may mean 'Gift/Truth/Beloved of Thoth'; helped establish cult of Serapis	
Berossus	Bel-reushunu (Akkadian) Gk: Βηρωσσ■ς	c.330-250 BC	Greek (Koine)	Akkadian (native); Greek; read cuneiform	Seleucid Empire — Antiochus I Soter	Babyloniaca (3 books)	Priest of Bel-Marduk, Babylon; original texts lost; preserved via Josephus, Eusebius, Syncellus; mirrors Manetho — Babylonian priest writing national history in Greek	
Eratosthenes	Eratosthenes of Cyrene Gk: ■ρατοσθ■νης	276-194 BC	Greek	Greek	Ptolemy III Euergetes & successive Ptolemaic rulers	Geographica; On the Measurement of the Earth; Chronographies	Chief librarian, Library of Alexandria	
Philo of Byblos	Herennius Philon Gk: Φ■λων Β■βλιος Lat: Philo Byblius	c.64-141 AD	Greek	Greek; Phoenician	Roman Empire — Trajan & Hadrian	Phoenician History (trans. of Sanchoniatho); On the Acquisition of Books; On Cities and Famous Men; Life of Hadrian	Key link preserving Sanchoniatho; Roman citizen; fragments preserved by Eusebius	
Philo of Alexandria	Philo Judaeus Gk: Φ■λων ■ ■λεξανδρε■ς	c.20 BC-50 AD	Greek	Greek; Hebrew; Aramaic	Roman Empire — Augustus through Claudius; Jewish community of Alexandria	On the Creation; Allegorical Interpretation; On Abraham; Embassy to Gaius	Jewish philosopher; bridged Greek and Hebrew thought; influenced early Christian theology; led Jewish delegation to Emperor Caligula	
Saul of Tarsus (St. Paul)	Saul of Tarsus / Paulus Gk: Πα■λος	5-64/65 AD	Greek	Greek; Aramaic; Hebrew; Latin	Roman Empire — Claudius (during missions); Nero (executed under)	Romans; 1 & 2 Corinthians; Galatians; Philippians; 1 Thessalonians; Philemon; Ephesians; Colossians; 2 Thess.; 1 & 2 Timothy; Titus; Hebrews (disputed)	Roman citizen; never met Jesus; 7 epistles undisputed; 6 disputed; architect of Christian theology	✔
Josephus	Yosef bar Matityahu Titus Flavius Josephus Gk: ■■σηπος	37-100 AD	Greek	Aramaic (native); Greek; Hebrew; Latin	Roman Empire — Vespasian, Titus, Domitian (Flavian dynasty)	The Jewish War; Antiquities of the Jews; Against Apion; Life of Flavius Josephus	Born Yosef bar Matityahu; Roman client historian. Father's name Matityahu = Matthew. Some researchers theorize Josephus authored the Gospel of Matthew, citing: his father's name Matityahu (= Matthew), structural parallels between Jewish War (7 books) and Matthew's 28 chapters (4x7), shared Greek authorship, Roman patronage, and no claimed author in original manuscripts. Not accepted by mainstream scholarship but subject of ongoing independent research.	✔

Author	Full Name	Dates	Written Language	Spoken Languages	Under Whose Rule	Key Works	Notes	Suspected Occultist
Pliny the Elder	Gaius Plinius Secundus	23-79 AD	Latin	Latin; Greek	Roman Empire — Vespasian (died at Vesuvius eruption)	Natural History (37 books)	Roman author and naturalist; encyclopedic knowledge of the ancient world; died observing eruption of Vesuvius	
Tacitus	Publius (or Gaius) Cornelius Tacitus	56-120 AD	Latin	Latin; Greek	Roman Empire — Domitian through Trajan	Annals; Histories; Agricola; Germania	Roman senator and historian; mentions Christians and Nero's persecution; one of few non-Christian sources referencing Jesus	
Julius Africanus	Sextus Iulius Africanus Gk: Sextos Ioulios Aphrikanos	c.160-240 AD	Greek	Greek; Latin; Hebrew	Roman Empire — Septimius Severus through Alexander Severus	Chronographiai (5 vols); Kestoi/Embroideries (24 vols)	First Christian universal history; Eusebius built Chronicle on it; called 'Libyan philosopher'; divided history into 7 epochal weeks; calculated Creation at 5,499 BC	
Tertullian	Quintus Septimius Florens Tertullianus	155-220 AD	Latin	Latin; Greek	Roman Empire — Marcus Aurelius through Caracalla	Apologeticus; Against Marcion; On the Soul	Early Christian theologian; born Carthage	
Origen	Origen Adamantius Gk: ■ριγ■νης	184-253 AD	Greek	Greek; Hebrew; Latin	Roman Empire — Septimius Severus through Decius	On First Principles; Against Celsus; Hexapla; Commentaries on Scripture	Early Christian theologian; Alexandria and Caesarea; later declared heretical by the Church	
Eusebius	Eusebius of Caesarea Eusebius Caesariensis Gk: Ε■σ■βιος	260-340 AD	Greek	Greek	Roman Empire — Diocletian through Constantine I	Ecclesiastical History; Chronicle; Preparation for the Gospel; Life of Constantine	Bishop of Caesarea; preserved many lost texts; built Chronicle on Africanus; Jerome later translated and extended his Chronicle into Latin, transmitting his work to the Western Church; widely regarded by historians as Constantine's court theologian and chief propaganda apparatus — his Life of Constantine is considered hagiography rather than objective history; present at Council of Nicaea 325 AD	✔
Jerome	Eusebius Sophronius Hieronymus Lat: Hieronymus	347-420 AD	Latin; Greek; Hebrew	Latin; Greek; Hebrew; Aramaic	Roman Empire — Theodosius I through Honorius	Vulgate Bible; De Viris Illustribus; Letters; Commentaries	Translated and extended Eusebius's Chronicle into Latin, transmitting it to the Western Church; translated Bible into Latin (Vulgate); standard Catholic Bible for centuries; directly influenced by and built upon Eusebius's scholarship	✔
Augustine of Hippo	Aurelius Augustinus Hipponensis	354-430 AD	Latin	Latin; Greek; some Punic	Roman Empire (late) — Theodosius I through Honorius; Bishop of Hippo	Confessions; City of God; On Christian Doctrine; On the Trinity	Most influential theologian of Western Christianity; shaped doctrine of original sin and just war	
George Syncellus	Georgios Synkellos Gk: Γε■ργιος Σ■γκελλος	fl. 8th c.; d. after 810 AD	Greek	Greek	Byzantine Empire — Constantine VI; Patriarch Tarasius of Constantinople	Ekloge Chronographias (Extract of Chronography)	Key preserver of Manetho, Africanus, and Eusebius fragments; chronicle runs from Creation to Diocletian	
Ole Borch (Borrichius)	Olaus Borrichius Ole Borch	1626-1690 AD	Latin; Danish	Latin; Danish; likely Greek	Kingdom of Denmark — Frederick III & Christian V	De ortu et progressu chemiae; Hermetis Aegyptiorum et chemicorum sapientia	Royal physician; defender of Hermeticism; believed in philosophers' stone; Danish polyhistor	

Status: Working draft — to be expanded | Next: Cipher/gematria analysis; structural comparison Jewish War vs Matthew